



*Los Angeles County
District Attorney's*

Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

AMY HARDER

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Michael Blake

On July 2, 2011, Amy Harder witnessed her boyfriend kill his two roommates and hide their bodies. Within days, the victims' families filed missing person reports but police had no leads. Ms. Harder feared for her safety yet called police to report the slayings. She led them to the victims' bodies. The suspect believed that Ms. Harder had notified police and threatened to kill her and her family. Despite the threats, Ms. Harder worked with police to find her ex-boyfriend. When he called her for a ride, Ms. Harder agreed to pick him up and alerted police. As police followed them, the suspect ordered Ms. Harder to evade authorities. Instead, she pulled over, took the keys and ran. The man fled on foot while shooting at officers. Later that day, he was arrested following a shootout with police.

MODESTO DE PABLO

Presented by Head Deputy Richard Doyle

A man walked into a Santa Monica grocery store on Aug. 21, 2011, and headed toward his estranged wife, who was working at one of the cash registers. As she scanned grocery items, he put his arms around her neck and pulled her off her feet. He pulled out a knife and started stabbing her. In an attempt to stop the attack, customers and coworkers threw whatever they could at the man. Only Modesto De Pablo, a coworker, chose to physically intervene. Mr. De Pablo jumped on the back of the much larger man. The assailant threw Mr. De Pablo off of his back and then turned around and swung the knife at him, coming about an inch from his face. The defendant then continued stabbing his wife, who died the next day. Mr. De Pablo testified against the defendant, helping prosecutors secure a conviction.

ALEJANDRO DELGADILLO AGUIRRE

Presented by Deputy District Attorney Elena Abramson

On June 8, 2015, a 70-year-old man was leaving a gas station in the city of Commerce when another man banged on his car. Believing he may have hit the man, the driver stopped to make sure no one was injured. The man then yelled at the elderly victim, forcibly pulled him out of the car and punched him several times. Alejandro Delgadillo Aguirre was outside on a break when he saw the man attacking the victim. He called 911 and then "bear-hugged" the assailant to try to stop the beating. The man bit Mr. Aguirre in the arm until he bled, forcing him to withdraw his grip. The suspect then continued to punch the elderly man. Once again, Mr. Aguirre pulled the attacker from the victim. This time, with the help of several other bystanders, Mr. Aguirre took the man down and held him until sheriff's deputies arrived.